



## WATCHES - GET SET

Watches for severe weather are your signal to **get set** or ready to take safe action. For thunderstorms, the National Weather Service typically issues watches several hours before damaging weather occurs. Our partners in the Watch process also take further preparation steps. Here is a list of actions everyone should take. Watch us...

- You...Be a Force of Nature
  - Take Action: watch the sky, weather radar and other information on TV, radio, internet or other electronic devices
  - Review safety action plans, inform others of weather threat
  - Reset your NOAA All Hazards radio to receive Warnings
  - Pets can sense bad weather. Watch them for unusual behavior
- The National Weather Service...
  - Issues a Severe Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch, activating NOAA radio and the Emergency Alert System for counties within the Watch area
  - Increases staffing and alerts Skywarn spotters for potential deployment
- Indiana Department of Homeland Security...
  - Monitors NWS Watches and places staff on activation readiness
- The American Red Cross...
  - Advises Red Cross Staff that a Watch has been issued
- Schools, Local Officials and Responders...
  - Advises staff, heighten readiness plans
- The Media...
  - Live broadcast of the Weather Watch...crawl text messages on TV
  - Increase meteorologist and reporter staffing
  - Dispatch news crews to active weather areas



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